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IN SIX-DAY RACE WITH MONEY BILLS

Senate Must Dispose of Supply Measures at Rate of Nearly \$100,000,000 a Day.

FOURTEEN TO BE ACTED ON

Death of Other Legislation, Including Philippine Independence, Probable.

WASHINGTON, February 21 .-- Conrace with the waiting array of appropriation bills.

The Senate must dispose of the Lig supply measures at the rate of nearly \$100,000,000 a day, if, according to agreement, among the leaders, 'it is to bring the ship-purchase bill from the conference closet on February 27 to debate it until March #

In the House the crush of the appropriation hills is over, but the Senate still has fourteen of the most important supply bills to pass. Leaders expect to dispose of the grist before the end of the week.

Plans for the ship bill are more or less cloaked in mystery. It was put in conference last week until next Saturday with the understanding that the supply bills should be passed in the dead, and that if it is not they can could make the bill acceptable to ad- pressing sympathy. ministration Democrats, to insurgent Democrats and to progressive Republicans, as well, and pass the changed bill in both houses is looked upon as doubtful.

DEATH OF OTHER BILLS

The death of other measures at this States: Congress also seems certain. They in-

Some miscellaneous minor legislation formance. will be attempted during the closing right leg, had not learned its role. fortnight of Congress. An effort will be made in both houses to repeal the old Spanish War revenue tax on mixed flour, to aid in meeting the demand for

The special subcommittee investigating charges against Federal Judge Al. derly until our early meeting." ston G. Dayton, of West Virginia, is ex pected to meet to-morrow to begin WILLIAM M. KAVANAUGH DEAD framing its report.

The fortifications bill to-morrow will a vehicle of discussion of national defenses in the House. Representative Gardner, who will make another speech the inadequacy of coast defenses, made public to-day a letter from Charles J. Bonaparte, Secretary of the Navy under President Roosevelt, in 905, which said:

"The navy should be made just as ounter with at least an equal chance of victory the entire fleet of any power i whose hostility is a reasonable possibillity of the future. For practical purposes, this means, to my mind, the entire fleet of any power except Great

RESTORED TO GOOD GRACES

leased From His Exile.

PETROGRAD, February 21 (via Lon- term of the late Senator Jeff Davis, don) .- The prosecution instituted several years ago against Maxim Gorky, the author, for his socialistic antigovernment propaganda, which necessitated his self-exile for several years, has been abandoned definitely

comes after a long period during which he was at odds with the authorities, trayed the greatness of the position prived of railroad facilities. He returned to Russia about a year Senator Bacon held in public life. Repago, after eight years of exile. He was Emperor Nicholas in 1913, but declined to avail himself of it, and did not rehealth and a longing to see his country caused him to go back.

and revolutionary propagandist has been a stormy one. He was the son record. poor upholster. Left an orphan at five, he ran away from the man to whom he was apprenticed, and thereafter shifted for himself.

M. Gorky has been imprisoned several times, on account of his alleged seditious utterances. In 1906 the Russian government charged him with fomenting anti-Russian revolutionary movements abroad, and in 1908, when he was living in Italy, his arrest was ordered by the Russian government. He was suffering from tuberculosis when he returned to Russia, but later was said to have recovered. Last September it was reported that he was serving as a private with the Russian army

RUINED AS RESULT OF WAR

John Myers, His Fortune Gone, Takes

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 21.—His fortune gone, as a result of the war, John Myers, who came here recently from Australia, asphyxiated himself to-day in his apartments. He left a note telling how the war had ruined him, left money to pay the undertaker, and directed that his personal effects be given to the poor on the city's bread

BREAKS NECK; SAVES BOWL

Short Fall Kills Girl, but Cut Glass Is Not Damaged.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 21.—Although she fell only sixteen inches from the home, fourteen-year-old Ellen Nopoli broke her neck, suffered internal injuries, fractured her skull, and died A cut-glass bowl she was carrying when she fell was not even

NEW RULES ON CANAL RATES | DI WIII Decrease Revenues of Freight RUSSIANS STEM

PANAMA, February 21 .- Under in-

structions of Secretary Garrison, changes are being prepared in the ama Canal tolls, which, it is estimated, will decrease revenues from the classes of freight affected approximately 20 It was discovered that the flxing of tolls under the Panama Canal rules at. \$1.20 a ton was illegal, the rate being greater than that sanctioned between a ton as defined by the canal rules, and a registered ton as meas for ship registration. The latter defini-tion was applied in the Panama Canal act of Congress, which provides for a maximum charge of \$1.25.

The new rules will provide that the aggregate tolls paid by a vessel at gress sets out to-morrow on a six-day the rate of \$1.20 a canal ton must not exceed the aggregate tolls as computed on the basis of \$1 2s a registered ton.

The question arose specifically in connection with lumber deckloads. The revised rules will be promulgated in conformity with an opinion of the Attorney-General.

"CAN DIE BUT ONCE"

BORDEAUX (via Paris), February 21.-Surgeons at the hospital of St. Augustine, of Arcachon, decided definitely to amputate the right leg of beginning, promises to be a severe one. Sarah Bernhardt to-morrow. Mme. BATTLE LINES REMAIN Its opponents declare it is Bernhardt maintains her courage. is receiving a large number of teletalk it to death. That the conference grams from all parts of the world ex-

Sends Cheerful Letter.

sigeant to-day prints the following letter from Sarah Bernhardt to Mme. Jane Catulle Mendes, widow of the poet, ALSO SEEMS CERTAIN who is about to leave for the United

"My Dear,-As you perhaps have clude the Philippine independence bill learned, they are going to cut off my and the conservation bills, designed to leg Monday. They should have done so unlock resources of the West for de- last Sunday, but it seems I was not sufficiently prepared for that first per-The principal artist, my now has learned it, and it will be

"Here are some photographs. May God aid you in your voyage. It matters little to me. One can die but once. Good-by, my dear. I embrace you ten-

Prominent in Political, Financial and Baseball Circles in Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., February 21 .-William M. Kavanaugh, former United States Senator from Arkansas, president of the Southern Trust Company, of this city, and for a number of years president of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs, died suddenly at oon as possible strong enough to en- his home here late to-day. His death is attributed to an attack of acute indigestion. He was fifty years old.

> Mr. Kavanaugh apparently was his usual health and spirits until an hour before his death. Yesterday he presided over the annual meeting of the Southern Baseball Association, and last night was host at a banquet to

the club managers and officials. Mr. Kavanaugh was born in Kenbut came to Arkansas

Several Members Pay Tributes to Late Senator from Georgia.

WASHINGTON, February 21 .- Eulo-Maxim Gorky's restoration to the gies were delivered in the House to in Russian territory is explained here good graces of the Russian government day on the late Senator Bacon, of as due to the diminished effectiveness ncluded in an amnesty conceded by ator's achievements, and said he was one of the potential figures in American

joined in the symposium of tribute.

DIRK TELLS MURDER STORY

Through Heart.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 21.—A mysterious murder was reported to the Antivari. They proceeded immediately police to-day by a peddler who stum- to Cettinje, blod over the body of a well-dressed young foreigner who had been stabbed through the heart. A long dirk was near the body. All clues to the identity of the victim had been removed, but a large sum of money in his pocket

"PAUPER" IS RICH MAN

Dies at Poor Farm, While Possessing \$400,000 Estate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BINGHAMTON, N. Y., February -Belleved to be a pauper, and dying at the county poor farm, James Crimpton, for fifty years a pack peddler, was to-day discovered to have left an estate of \$400,000. The money will be divided among fifteen relatives.

GRAPPLES WITH BURGLAR

New Jersey Woman Is Werribly Beaten by Negro.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., February 21 .- Grappling with a negro burglar she found rifling her bureau, Mrs George Long was beaten into insensibility, and her skull fractured in three places. She is not expected to live. The negro escaped.

IMPORTED LA CAROLINA Cherutos, 10c.

GERMAN ADVANCE

trable Barrier in Vicinity of Ossowetz.

lin, Probably Withheld in London.

by law. This arose from a difference BATTLE IS ONLY BEGINNING TROOPS ON BOARD ARE LOST

under the United States statutes No Further Word Received of Fishing Boats, Flying Italian Attack on Dardanelles Forts by Allied Fleets

official reports of the land fighting con- Sayville) .- The report of the sinking tains important information, although of a British transport with troops and the East Prussian frontier, where the lin to-day, too late for comment by Pacific Coast shippers claimed that an Russians claim to have stemmed the illegally high rate was being charged. German advance: in Western Galicia. German advance; in Western Galicia, the report in first-page headlines, towhere the Itussians have become more active; in the Carpathlans and in Bukobeen reinforced and are resisting the Austro-German advance.

Petrograd dispatches say the Germans have met an impenetrable barrler in the vicinity of Ossowetz, and that their difficulties have been increased by the overflowing of the Niemen River. They are in great force,

ABOUT AS THEY WERE 1y the relative positions in West Galicia the Southern English ports to France. and in the Carpathians, the battle lines PARIS, February 21.-The Intran- Nadworna-Kolomea line, in Southeast- mans, as reported, this movement may ern Galicia, and, according to German correspondents, the Russians have brought up large reinforcements from Stantslau.

The Russian and Turkish forces again have come into touch in the Caucasus, in the trans-Tchoruk region, but of the fishing boat Gesu, which arrived the result of the encounters is not

in the activity in the west. No further word has been received of the attack on the Dardanelles forts by the British and French fleets.

ATTEMPT OF GERMANS IS TO KEEP RUSSIANS BUSY

PETROGRAD, February 21 (via London, 7:20 P. M.) .- Russian staff officers regard the German offensive, from the Baltic to the Carpathians, as merely an attempt to keep the Russians constantly engaged, and prevent them from concentrating at any point on the long front. Other than this, it is believed, the Germans have not clear objective-or, if they have, it has not been fathomed here—in making their SINKING OF FIVE VESSELS demonstration necessary at Ossowetz and in undertaking more active operations along the Bzura, in both of which regions they have encountered stubborn defense.

Information transmitted to Grand Duke Nicholas concerning the action in the neighborhood of Ossowetz does not bear out reports that the situation there is in any sense a siege. It is felt that Russian success in that vicinity, as reported vesterday, effectively removed whatever menace the

situation contained previously. Referring to the supposition that the German offensive within Russian the Polish capital after they had ad-EULOGIES IN HOUSE ON BACON there appears little chance of their vanced to within thirty miles of it, the Holger, covering the eighty miles between the city and the army attempting to advance from the north

The slowness of the German advance in Russian territory is explained here Georgia. Representative Adamson por- of the German war machine, when de-

GERMANS PURSUING

history and one of the great consti- Sayville) .-- According to information turn to his native land until failing tutional authorities of Congress and here, the Germans are pursuing the conspicuous in molding American for- Russian tenth army, which was driven eign relations. Representative Hughes out of East Prussia, and the Russians The career of the realistic novelist eulogized Senator Bacon's character are unable to offer serious resistance and personality as well as his public anywhere. It is believed a vigorous offensive will be maintained for a time Other members of the Georgia dele- in the east, even at the cost of refrain- still at the time and the torpedo struck gation and members of other States ing from any active offensive on the it squarely amidships. In less than

The Austrians are pushing their campaign in Galicia and Bukowina. Constantinople reports that French troops which landed at Antivari, Mon-Found Near Body of Foreigner Stabbed tenegro, to assist the Montenegrin army

> Berlin newspapers refer only incidentally to the situation in the naval war zone around the British Isles. They say, however, that there soon will be something worth reporting.

DOGS WILL HAVE THEIR DAY

Some 3,000 Gathered Together Will Howl and Yelp in Madison Square.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 21.—Some 3,000-odd dogs will "have their day" to-morrow in Madison Square Garden, where they will gather to howl and yelp a welcome to society in the great "American Dog Congress," to be reconvened after a five-year recess. Dog fanciers from all over America, Canada and England, including a number of multimillionaires and half a dozen titled personages, will exhibit. Gould will make his debut at the congress as a dog judge.

AMERICAN SHIP IS SAFE

The Philadelphia Reaches Liverpool, After Uneventful Passage.

LONDON, February 21 (6:40 P. M.)-The American steamship Philadelphia, which sailed from New York February 13, arrived at Liverpool to-day, after an uneventful passage. She crossed the

IS REPORTED SUNK

Kaiser's Forces Meet Impene- News, Which Is Featured in Ber-

Flags, Fired On by LONDON, February 21.-None of the PERLIN, February 21 (by wireless to

there are big battles in progress near an accompanying steamer reached Ber morning papers. All of the papers, however, feature

> other vessels by submarines or mines If as indicated by the foregoing, a British transport has been sunk, the news probably has been withheld in London.

gether with reports of the sinking of

various other steamers by German submarines or by mines have been passed was no intimation in London dispatches of the destruction of a transport.

An enormous number of troops, near-1,000,000, according to some esti-There seems to be little change in mates, is being transferred now from

It has been the English boast that remaining about as they were. A big not one man has been lost. If one of battle is being fought north of the transports was sunk by the Gerbe seriously checked, if not stopped.

BOATS FLYING ITALIAN FLAGS ARE FIRED ON

BARI, ITALY (via Rome), February 21 (1:15 P. M.).—Members of the crew to-day from Antivar, Montenegro, said the Gesu and the fishing boat Saturno. There again has been a slackening flying Italian flags, had been fired on by two Austrian torpedo boats.

This report has caused great excitement in Rome. Members of the crew said the Gesu was anchored near Antivari, with the Saturno, when the Austrian torpedo boats approached. The captains of the

fishing vessels ordered their crews to land and hoisted Italian flags. The Austrians, according to this report, fired on the crews and then on the vessels, while Austrian aeropianes

dropped bombs. No one on either vessel was injured, but the Saturno was damaged so badly she was unable to sail for home.

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

LONDON, Thursday, February 18 (delayed by censor) .- The British steamers Highland Brae, Hemisphere and Potare and the sailing ships Sumatra and Wilfred have been sunk in the Atlantic, presumably by the German cruiser Karlsruhe. Crews and passengers were landed at Buenos Aires by the German steamer Holger.

The sinking of these five vessels and in addition, the British steamer Viscount Humphreys was reported from tree. Two of them failed to explode. ing of the vessel: Buenos Aires February 18. The Buenos The third did little damage. young man. In 1913, he was elected by tory again is being directed toward the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz the Legislature to all the unexpired capture of Warsaw, military critics say Wilhelm, and not the Karlsruhe, sank term of the late Senator Jeff Davis. rect, as it was given by men on board

MEN OF CAMBANK'S CREW

don, 10:20 P. M.).—Members of the garden wall was blown out, and a crew of the British steamer Cambank. It exploded. A portion of an adjacent our boats with haste. which was sunk on Saturday in the Irish Sea by a German submarine arrived here to-day. The third engineer REBJOHN FAMILY and two firemen were killed in the explosion, and another member of the RUSSIAN TENTH ARMY crew was drowned when he tried to Butt Road, had a narrow escape. The BERLIN, February 21 (by wireless to jump into a boat. Twenty persons kitchen adjoining the room in which were saved from the wreck.

The submarine came into view, ac cording to the men of the Cambank, while the crew of the steamer was pre- in a front room of the house, was not paring the boats for an emergency. Then a torpedo was observed headed

broke in two and sank.

Those of the crew who made the boats drifted for three hours before

NEW MOVES IN HORN CASE

Federal Court and Canadian Government Contemplate Action,

BOSTON, MASS., February 21 .- Two official moves, apparently entirely distinct, were announced to-day in the case of Werner Horn, who attempted to blow up the International Bridge over the St. Croix River, near Vanceboro, Me., February 2, claiming he was an officer of the German army and that his act was a war measure.

gin an investigation here this week to determine, it is understood, whether the law against transportation of dynamite by Horn was violated by Horn in his preparation for blowing up the bridge.

land, Me., that a representative of the Canadian government has filed an application in the Federal Court, asking that a warrant be issued to bring Horn before that court at the expiration of the thirty days' sentence he is serving in jail at Machias, for injuring property in Vanceboro. The destruction of railroad property

by setting of an explosive is the basis of the extradition proceedings. Horr has announced that he will fight ex-Irish Sea during the night with all tradition on the ground that his act was one of military expediency.

BRITISH TRANSPORT AMERICAN STEAMER EVELYN IS BLOWN UP

Chief Interest in War Centres in Operations of Submarines

CHIEF Interest in the war centres in the operations of German submarines in the waters around British Isles. The British stenmer Downshire has been blown up in the Irish Sen, while the American steamer Evelyn, with a cargo of cotton, from New York to Bremen, has been sunk by a mine near Borkum Island, in the North Sen. From Berlin comes the report of the sinking of a British transport with troops and an "accompanying steamis not given.

Regarding the destruction of the be sunk since the outbrenk of the war, the authorities at Washington have ordered a full inquiry.

The report of the sinking of the British transport was sent out on the authority of a German news gency, but neither Berlin nor Lon don has made any official announcement concerning the report.

The latest official announcement from Paris regarding operations in the west described considerable progress made by the allies in the Champagne district, and the repulse along the southern end of the line.

have checked the German advance with strong reinforcements. There is little change to record in Galicia. the Carpathians or Bukowina.

A hostile acroplane is reported to have dropped bombs near Braintree, Colchester, Marks, Tey, and Cogges hall, English towns virtually within fifty miles of London.

Fishing bonts flying the Italian torpedo bonts at Antivari, Montenegro, according to the crew of one of the bonts, which has arrived at Bari, Italy. Austrian acroplanes, the fishermen added, attempted to drop bombs on them, and one of the Italian vessels was badly damaged.

A free fight broke up a meeting in Rome, called by parties favorable to Italian intervention in the war and those against it, at which speeches were to have been made setting forth the respective views.

GERMAN AIRMEN WITHIN IRISH STEAMER IS SUNK THIRTY MILES OF LONDON

Discovered by British Scout, Who Crew Given Five Minutes by Kaiser's Pursues Invader Toward

Sea. FINALLY ELUDES

Drops Bombs on Three Towns in Essex, Causing Some Damage to Property, but Not Injuring Any

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] LONDON, February 21.-A German of bombs, arrived within thirty miles German submarine of Calf of Man, in of London in a daring single-handed by a British air scout. He fled toward the sea, dropping bombs on three towns in Essex, and finally eluding

From the course taken by the raider it is believed that London was his Germans placed a bomb amidships of objective, and that the bombs were intended to have been hurled upon the Downshire sank in a few minutes. metropolis.

Three bombs were dropped on Brain-

was intured. At Colchester also only one projectile was hurled by the raider. It struck near the military barracks, and damaged several of the outbuildings when

The family of Philip Rebjohn, on BOMB PLACED UNDER SIDE Mr. and Mrs. Rebjohn were sitting was marine deck. When our boats came

even awakened by the explosion. Colchester was the first to give the for the vessel. The ship was standing alarm. The alarm was spread, and the side of the boat amidships. special deputies were called out. Lights | Germans lighted a fuse and then rowed were extinguished in most of the back toward the submarine. Suddenly affect minutes the bow of the vessel neighboring towns, and the populations. there was an explosion. In the dusk, seemed to fall away, and then the ship disregarding the warning of the Home it seemed to have done little damage, Office, flocked to the streets instead of but three minutes later the ship began seeking safety in their cellars.

Two aeroplanes were dimly discerned flying seaward. One presented the they were picked up.

After discharging the terpedo which now-familiar outlines of a Taube, talked with the captain, who was most consisted of a single battalion. The Russian cruiser Askold landed eight officers of the French general staff at quickly submerged herself. The Cambank, the submarine was a British biplane. The German was well in the lead and, after letting go boat like bank's crew say the submarine unsuc- well in the lead and, after letting go boat like ours,' we asked him. cessfully chased other boats in the his bomb, he circled over the town and then made off in an easterly direc- captain replied. tion, toward Harwich and seaward.

INVADER CHALLENGED

The three towns attacked lie in a direct line from west to east between a point about twenty miles north of seeking, said the German captain." London and the sea. Braintree is northeast of the metropolis. Apparently the British air scout spied the invader somewhere about the western boundary of Essex. The invader was challenged just in time, for at the speed at which he was flying-about seventy miles an hour-he could have about twenty minutes. But the German turned tail and fled as soon as the British machine appeared. Then the chase started. To the residents of the NORWEGIANS INDIGNANT towns which heard plainly, but only with difficulty could see, the racers, the

This is thought to have been the Brit-

to sea over Colchester.

"THE VERIBEST WAY TO BALTIMORE." York River-Chesapeake Bay, 5:10 P. M. Only \$2.50 and superior service, 207 E. Main Street,

BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

Men to Leave Their Ship. PURSUIT LAND IN SAFETY AT DUNDRUM

> Bomb Is Placed Amidships of Captured Vessel, Which Sinks Within Few Minutes After Explosion. Engineer Tells of Incident.

LONDON, February 21 (6:30 P. M.) .-The small Irish coasting steamer aero raider, with a bountiful supply Downshire was sunk last night by a

the Irish Sea. The Germans gave the raid to-night before he was discovered crew five minutes in which to leave their ship. The crew landed last night at Dundrum, Ireland. The submarine which sank the Downshire was the U-12. The Germans fired three shots before the steamer's captain hove to. After the crew of the Downshire had taken to the boats, the

> the steamer and exploded it, and the The chief engineer of the Downshire

gave the following account of the sink-"The submarine was sighted two Coggeshall was the target for a sin- miles away, and the captain theregle bomb, which dropped in a garden, and damaged a cottage, but no person it was possible. He steered a zig-zag and damaged a cottage, but no person it was possible. He steered a zig-zag but the pursuer overhauled us in a short time, and fired three shots. The aim was so good that we stopped immediately. The submarine drew up fully above the surface, a hundred yards

number of windows were smashed. The blow out of our exhaust pipe. The German captain got excited at this, thinking we were trying to signal for help, and ordered us to shut off the steam, HAS NARROW ESCAPE saying otherwise he would open fire.

OF BOAT AMIDSHIPS "I counted nineteen men on the subalongside the submarine, we waited the Rebjohn baby, sleeping in its crib there while five German sailors boarded one of the lifeboats carrying a bomb. This they placed in the water under the

"The bomb floated nicely and the to settle and then went down head

"Before the submarine departed we

"'Why do you trouble about a little "'Why did you make war on us,' the

boats?' we asked, indicating trawlers IN NICK OF TIME just visible on the horizon.

The German submarine U-12 is of the class built in 1910-11. She is of 250 tons displacement, and has a maximum and ratified by the United States, Great cruising radius of 1,200 miles. The vessel has a complement of twelve men. Her armament includes three eighteeninch torpedo tubes, and two one-poundarrived over the heart of London in er high angle guns. She has a speed benefit of American naval commanders, of thirteen knots above water and eight knots submerged.

CHRISTIANIA, February 21 (via Lonnoise of the propellers was ominous don).—Indignation at the sinking of be used at will without regard to those and terrifying. From all reports the Norwegian tank steamer Belridge not concerned in the war. The use of chase lasted from \$:40 P. M., when the by a German submarine near Folke- mines should be confined strictly to machines were head over Braintree, to stone is expressed by to-day's papers, military operations and areas, and the about 9 o'clock, when they passed out which discuss means of demanding satisfaction.

"We presume the Norwegian govern- MAY HAVE CLAIM Harwich told of the passing—this time ment will ask Germany to make a to the westward—of a single machine. declaration whether the sinking of the Belridge was a mistake or a deliberate

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OR SUBMARINE NOT **GIVEN IN DISPATCH**

Vessel Destroyed Off German Coast, but Crew Is Saved.

SCENE OF DISASTER AWAY FROM WAR ZONE

United States Government Advised Officially of Loss of Ship.

EXHAUSTIVE INQUIRY ORDERED

Ambassadors at London and Berlin Cabled to Make Full Report of Facts.

WASHINGTON, February 21 .- The United States government was advised officially to-night of the destruction of the first American vessel on the high seas since the outbreak of the European war. American Consul Fee. at Bremen, cabled that the steamer Evelyn and her cargo of cotton bound for Bremen had been "blown up at Borkum," just off the German coast, and that the crew had been saved. The cause, submarine or mine, was not given in the dispatch.

After a conference with President Wilson, Secretary Bryan cabled Ambassador Page at London and Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to make an exhaustive inquiry as to the facts, and, if the crew was landed in either of their respective jurisdictions, to furnish every care and convenience to Captain Smith and his Although the extent of sea zones of

war proclaimed by Germany was never defined exactly, the Borkum Islands are considered far distant from the danger areas of submarines. The waters of the vicinity are mined for defensive purposes, and Germany always has piloted incoming ships through.

ACCIDENT PROBABLY CAUSED BY MINE At the German embassy to-night, it

was pointed out that the accident must have been caused by a mine, as Germany, sorely in need of cotton, would not torpedo a vessel laden with such a cargo for German consumption. Early press dispatches from Berlin,

announcing the loss of the vessel by a mine, caused a sensation in Washington, where the tension has been more or less pronounced over the situation in the war zones since the dispatch of ng notes to both Great Britain was proved to be a mine, there probably would be no ground for diplomatic action by the United States, as the laying of mines is not prohibited by any international conventions now in force.

Consul Fee's cablegram gave the State Department meagre information. It said: "Steamer Evelyn, Captain Smith, agents Bull & Co., New York, blown up early Friday at Borkum.

Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost." It was generally taken for granted before the message arrived that the vessel was destroyed by a mine, but the omission of any mention of cause introduced an element of speculation. The United States government earlier in the day virtually had decided to make no reply to either the British or the German note concerning the use of neutral ensigns or possible attacks by submarines on neutral vessels in the new sea zones of war.

SILENCE DID NOT COMPROMISE RIGHTS

When the North Sea first was mined, some neutral countries protested to both Germany and Great Britain, but the United States took the position that it was impossible to determine which country had been the aggressor, and, therefore, made no protest, though it does not consider its rights compromised by this silence.

Diplomatically, neutrals are helpless in obtaining redress for the loss of "Why don't you tackle those fishing ships by contact with mines, unless absolute proof can be adduced to show the nationality of the mines, that no 'We don't interfere with fishing pilot was available or that the mines,

distant from belligerent areas. Efforts to obtain a convention to prohibit the laying of mines have falled. In 1907 such a convention was drafted Britain and a few of the other nations, though it never became effective.

In one of the publications of the

United States Naval College, for the the status of the question of mines and torpedoes is thus summarized:

"It may be affirmed that the use of mines is a legitimate means of hostili-AT SINKING OF SHIP ties as between belligerents. This position does not imply that mines may perils should not extend to innocent neutrals."

AGAINST GERMANY The reference in the message from

action," says the Morgenbladet. "Pre- tion of the Evelyn at Borkum was in-American Consul Fee to the destrucsumably, neutral powers in their notes terpreted in some quarters as meaning to Germany made all reservation re- that the vessel was within the terrigarding compensation for life and torial waters of Germany when, she struck the mine. Consequently, some